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A LIGHT GUIDE APPARATUS, A BACKLIGHT APPARATUS AND A

LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY APPARTUS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits and calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper. Claims 1-8, 12-22, 26-32, and 34 have been canceled to allow prosecution of claims 9-11, 23-25, and 33 of the parent application. No new matter has been added.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.